

## **SPECIAL NOTICE**

### **LONG RANGE IDENTIFICATION AND TRACKING OF SHIPS**

The United States Coast Guard has recognized Pole Star Space Applications Limited as the U.S. testing ASP that will issue Conformance Test Reports (CTR) on behalf of the United States. U.S. Vessel owner/operators subject to the LRIT regulation are encouraged to submit a Conformance Test Request via the U.S. Coast Guard Navigation Center website to start the scheduling process. Vessel owner/operators should also note that only the U.S. Coast Guard can initiate requests to Pole Star to schedule and perform LRIT conformance tests.

Requests for LRIT conformance tests may be submitted by visiting the "Contact Us" page at [http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/misc/NIS\\_contact\\_us.htm](http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/misc/NIS_contact_us.htm). On this page, choose "LRIT" from the "Subject" pull down menu, enter your contact information and enter "Test Scheduling" in the comments field. A representative from the U.S. Coast Guard LRIT Sponsor's Office will respond with the forms necessary to obtain the information required to perform the conformance test. Once these forms have been completed and approved by the Coast Guard, a request will be submitted to Pole Star to initiate your LRIT conformance test(s).

Operators of U.S. flagged vessels subject to the regulation may also view information on how to comply by following the Domestic Vessels links on the USCG Homeport website at <http://homeport.uscg.mil>.

In addition, all U.S. flagged vessel operators subject to the LRIT Regulation are encouraged to visit <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/lrit/default.htm> to obtain the latest LRIT reference documentation and review information regarding LRIT implementation.